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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4462

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: FAO, UNWFC, OCON, AORG

SUBJECT: POSITION OF PRESIDENT, WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. AT OPENING OF SESSION MONDAY, MAY 9, WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH INTRODUCED EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE ABDEL-AZIZ HUSSEIN WHO WOULD CHAIR PREP CON AS REPRESENTATIVE OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAYED MAREI.

2. ASSUMING CHAIR HUSSEIN THEN ANNOUNCED THAT IN INTEREST OF SOLIDARITY MAREI HAD DECIDED TO WITHDRAW HIS CANDIDACY FOR REELECTION TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. AMBASSADOR VALDEZ OF PHILIPPINES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GRACIOUS GESTURE OF MAREI AND HOPE FOR FULLY SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL SESSION IN MANILA IN JUNE.

3. FOLLOWING MORNING SESSION EGYPTIAN DELEGATE INFORMED USDEL PRIVATELY THAT DECISION WAS MAREI'S ALONE BUT  
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FOLLOWED TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND WAS LARGELY INFLUENCED BY EGYPTIAN DESIRE NOT TO HAVE CONTEST WITHIN GROUP OF 77 FOR SUPPORT FOR PERSON OF MAREI'S STATURE. HE SAID SOVIETS WANTED MAREI TO MAKE A FIGHT OF IT, WERE NOT INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF EGYPTIAN WITHDRAWAL AND WERE UPSET OVER DECISION. GARDNER

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